However, for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes, the Government of India has adopted Tribal Sub-Plan strategy with the objectives of (i) bringing the Scheduled Tribes on par with other sections of the society and (ii) protecting them from exploitation by various interest groups. The TSP strategy is implemented through Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Pockets, Clusters, etc. Andhra Pradesh is also implementing the Tribal Sub Plan through 8 ITDPs, 41 MADAs and 17 Clusters. Nizamabad District is also covered under MADA Programme. Besides, this Ministry has been releasing funds under various schemes to Andhra Pradesh for Socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes.

Upliftment of Tribal Areas

3182. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the new steps Government propose for the upliftment of tribals ;

(b) whether there is any special package for sanctioning loan to start tribal oriented trade in their own areas ;

(c) whether Government have taken enough care to provide drinking water, education, health, housing, roads and sanitation in the tribal areas of the country ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) A number of schemes/programmes for the upliftment of tribals are being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. A scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups was also launched in 1998-99 under which 75 communities have been identified in 15 States/UTs for special treatment. Emphasis is laid on close monitoring of the schemes/programmes for their timely implementation and for ensuring that the benefits reach the target group.

(b) The National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) extends concessional financial assistance through State SC and ST Finance and Development Corporations for income generating activities such as land purchase and development, irrigation, sericulture, poultry, dairy, handlooms, handicrafts, etc. for the benefit of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) to (e) Special Central Assistance is given to the 20 Tribal Sub-Plan States/U.T. administrations, including North-Eastern States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura, to meet the gaps in the State Plans for the socio-economic development of Schduled Tribes under the Tribal Sub-Plan Strategy. Special Central Assistance is basically meant for family-oriented income generating schemes in sectors of agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, soil conservation, animal husbandry, forests, education, cooperatives, fisheries, village and small scale industries and minimum needs programme. A part of SCA is also permitted to be used for the development of infrastructure incidental to such income generating activities. Grants to 18 Tribal Sub-Plan and 4 tribal majority States are also provided under article 275(1) of the Constitution to meet the cost of such projects for tribal development as may be undertaken by the State Government for raising the level of administration of Scheduled Areas therein to that of the rest of the State. Besides, for the educational development of Scheduled tribes, the following schemes are being implemented :—

(i) Girls Hostels.

(ii) Boys Hostels.

(iii) Ashram Schools in TSP areas.

(iv) Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

Special Schemes for Adivasi Regions in M.P.

†3183. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Adivasi regions and backward tribes of Madhya Pradesh for which fresh efforts are being made to bring them in the mainstream under a special scheme and by when the scheme will be executed ;

(b) whether separate packages have been made under this scheme apart from tribal projects for economic, social, employment oriented and educational development ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.